

## STATE REPRESENTATIVE KEVIN VAN DE WEGE

Kevin Van De Wege is a firefighter, paramedic, husband and father. A lifelong Washington resident, he is currently serving his second term in the House of Representatives.

As a young child, Kevin's parents instilled the core values of family and service in him. When he was old enough to serve his community, Kevin became a volunteer firefighter, eventually deciding to turn it into a full-time career. He went on to earn fire administration and fire investigation degrees, as well as paramedic certification. He also received a BA in Social Science from Washington State University.

Kevin was first elected to the House of Representatives in 2006, and currently serves as Deputy Majority Whip. He is also on the Agriculture & Natural Resources, Technology, Energy & Communications, and General Government Appropriations committees. Some of his legislative accomplishments include helping to secure permanent, year-round funding for a rescue tug at Neah Bay, and promoting research into new energy technologies, such as forest biomass fuel. In 2009, he was presented with a "Sound Hero" award from People for Puget Sound for his work to help protect Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca from oil spills.

A proud resident of the beautiful community of Sequim, Kevin and his wife Jennifer, a high school teacher, enjoy raising their two children on the Olympic Peninsula.

### HOUSE COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP

- Deputy Majority Whip
- Assistant Majority Whip (2007-2008)
- Agriculture & Natural Resources (vice chair 2008)
- General Government Appropriations
- Technology, Energy & Communications
- Rules
- Joint Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs (2007-2008)

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- International Association of Firefighters Local #2933
- Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce, member
- Economic Development Council
- Peninsula College Criminal Justice Program Advisory Committee
- Port Townsend Marine Science Center
- Northwest Harvest
- Sequim Elk Lodge #2462, Member
- Hwy 101 Safety Corridor Committee, past member

## **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

- Enhancing economic development to our region by protecting small businesses and promoting sustainable industries
- Ensuring that our state's economic recovery extends to rural communities
- Encouraging development of new, innovative technologies that foster energy independence